

LESSON 3
WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?
LUKE 4:14—6:11



1 Describe a time when your reputation did not accurately describe you.

2 How did that reputation cause people to react to you?



Read Luke 4:14—6:11 and the following notes:

- ☐ 4:24 ☐ 4:39 ☐ 4:40 ☐ 5:8 ☐ 5:11 ☐ 5:18, 19 ☐ 5:21 ☐ 5:28, 29
☐ 6:2

3 How did people respond to Jesus after each of the following events?

Teaching in the synagogue (4:14–30): _____

Teaching in Capernaum (4:31, 32): _____

Driving out the demon (4:33–37): _____

Healing the sick (4:38–41): _____

Providing many fish (5:1–11): _____

Healing the man with leprosy (5:12–16): _____

Forgiving the sins of the paralyzed man (5:17–26): _____

Eating at Levi's (Matthew's) house (5:27–32): _____

Picking grain and healing on the Sabbath (6:1–11): _____

4 What may account for the differences in how people responded to Jesus?



The people who met Jesus all met the same person, and he did something for each of them. He taught them the truth, healed them, drove out demons, forgave their sins. Yet they responded in different ways. Jesus' hometown friends said, "You're no better than we are. We know your family." The Pharisees rejected him because he didn't fit their system—he threatened their secure religious world. Some in the crowds were curious. Some were amazed. Some left everything and followed him. Jesus gets the same range of responses today. Some people don't know who he is. Others know who he is but aren't willing to follow him for whatever reason. As Jesus confronts you today, how will you respond?

5 What ideas do people in your neighborhood or workplace have about Jesus today?

6 Who today responds to Christ with . . .

outrage? _____

disinterest? _____

curiosity? _____

amazement? _____



7 What would it mean for you to leave everything and follow Christ?

8 What has it cost you to follow Christ?

9 What keeps you from responding to Christ in total commitment?



10 Take time now to write out a brief prayer of commitment to follow Christ.

11 Whom can you enlist to hold you accountable for this commitment?

A What did Jesus show about his priorities by healing on the Sabbath? (See Luke 4:31–35, 38–41, 6:6–11.) With whom did these priorities clash (6:7–11)? How do Christ's actions affect your sense of what's most important?

B Why were tax collectors such as Levi despised by the Jews (5:27–32)? Who is despised for similar reasons in our society? How can Christians reach out to them?

C What was Levi risking and/or giving up when he followed Jesus (5:27–32)? What risks and/or sacrifices are involved for you in following Jesus?

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